

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Safety Alert regarding
Loss of INMARSAT C Safety Messages
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The Coast Guard has issued a Safety Advisory that notifies users of INMARSAT C ship earth stations that urgent marine information, weather warning and navigational warning broadcast messages, distress-related messages, as well as routine messages may be lost if a printer is not connected to and maintained with the Inmarsat C terminal, or if floppy drive maintenance is not regularly performed on the terminal. Additionally, certain non-GMDSS-approved software (e.g. windows-based software) may freeze up if this maintenance is not performed.

Additional information regarding maintenance and equipment requirements can be found in the full advisory via the following link: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/moa/docs/book.htm> .

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